

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATION

Section 652—Painting Traffic Stripe

Delete Section 652 and substitute the following:

652.1 General Description

This work includes furnishing and applying reflectorized traffic line paint according to the Plans and these Specifications.

This Item also includes applying words and symbols according to Plan details, Specifications, and the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

652.1.01 Definitions

Painted Stripes: Solid or broken (skip) lines. The location and color are designated on the Plans.

Skip Traffic Stripes: Painted segments between unpainted gaps as specified on the Plans. The location and color are designated on the Plans.

652.1.02 Related References

A. Standard Specifications

[Section 656—Removal of Pavement Markings](#)

[Section 870—Paint](#)

EPA Method 3052

EPA Method 6010C

B. Referenced Documents

[QPL 46](#)

AASHTO M 247

652.1.03 Submittals

General Provisions 101 through 150.

652.2 Materials

Ensure that materials for painting traffic stripe, words, and symbols meet the following requirements:

Material	Section
Traffic Line Paint 5A and 5B	870.2.02.A.2 and 870.2.02.A.3
Glass Beads for Use in Luminous Traffic Lines	AASHTO M 247 Type 1 or 2*

*In addition, meet the following requirements for glass beads:

- Maximum quantity of angular particles is less than 1% by weight
- Maximum quantity of particles with milkiness, scoring, or scratching is less than 2% by weight
- Glass beads do not impart any noticeable hue to the paint film
- Glass beads do not contain greater than 200ppm total arsenic, 200ppm total antimony, or 200ppm total lead when tested according to US EPA Methods 3052 and 6010C, or other approved methods.

652.2.01 Delivery, Storage, and Handling

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652.3 Construction Requirements

652.3.01 Personnel

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652.3.02 Equipment

A. Traveling Traffic Stripe Painter

Use a traffic stripe painter that can travel at a predetermined speed both uphill and downhill, applying paint uniformly. Ensure that the painter feeds paint under pressure through nozzles spraying directly onto the pavement.

Use a paint machine equipped with the following:

1. Three adjacent spray nozzles capable of simultaneously applying separate stripes, either solid or skip, in any pattern.
2. Nozzles equipped with the following:
 - Cutoff valves for automatically applying broken or skip lines
 - A mechanical bead dispenser that operates simultaneously with the spray nozzle to uniformly distribute beads at the specified rate
 - Line-guides consisting of metallic shrouds or air blasts
3. Tanks with mechanical agitators
4. Small, portable applicators or other special equipment as needed

B. Hand Painting Equipment

Use brushes, templates, and guides when hand painting.

C. Cleaning Equipment

Use brushes, brooms, scrapers, grinders, high-pressure water jets, or air blasters to remove dirt, dust, grease, oil, and other foreign matter from painting surfaces without damaging the underlying pavement.

652.3.03 Preparation

Locate approved paint manufacturers on [OPL 46](#).

Before starting each day's work, thoroughly clean paint machine tanks, connections, and spray nozzles, using the appropriate solvent.

Thoroughly mix traffic stripe paint in the shipping container before putting it into machine tanks.

Before painting, thoroughly clean pavement surfaces of dust, dirt, grease, oil, and all other foreign matter.

652.3.04 Fabrication

General Provisions 101 through 150.

652.3.05 Construction

A. Alignment

Ensure that the traffic stripe is the specified length, width, and placement. On sections where no previously applied markings are present, ensure accurate stripe location by establishing control points at spaced intervals. The Engineer will approve control points.

B. Application

Apply traffic stripe paint by machine. If areas or markings are not adaptable to machine application, use hand equipment.

1. Application Rate
 - All work will be subject to application rate checks for both paint and beads.
 - Apply 5 in (125 mm) wide traffic stripe at the following minimum rates:
 - a. Solid Traffic Stripe Paint: At least 25 gal/mile (58.8 L/km)
 - b. Skip Traffic Stripe Paint: At least 6.3 gal/mile (14.8 L/km)

NOTE: Change minimum rate proportionately for varying stripe widths.

2. Thickness
Maintain a 15 mils (0.38 mm) minimum wet film thickness for all painted areas.
3. Do not apply paint to areas of pavement when:
 - The surface is moist or covered with foreign matter.
 - Air temperature in the shade is below 40 °F (5 °C)
 - Wind causes dust to land on prepared areas or blows paint and beads around during application.
4. Apply a layer of glass beads immediately after laying the paint. Apply beads at a minimum rate of 6 lbs to each gallon (700 grams to each liter) of paint.

C. Protective Measures

Protect newly applied paint as follows:

1. Traffic
Control and protect traffic with warning and directional signs during painting. Set up warning signs before beginning each operation and place signs well ahead of the painting equipment. When necessary, use a pilot car to protect both the traffic and the painting operation.
2. Fresh Paint
Protect the freshly painted stripe using cones or drums. Repair stripe damage or pavement smudges caused by traffic according to [Subsection 652.3.06](#).

D. Appearance and Tolerance of Variance

Continually deviating from stated dimensions is cause for stopping the work and removing the nonconforming stripe. (See [Section 656](#)) Adhere to the following measurements:

1. Width
Do not lay stripe less than the specified width. Do not lay stripe more than 1/2 in (13 mm) over the specified width.
2. Length
Ensure that the 10 ft (3 m) painted skip stripe and the 30 ft (10 m) gap between painted segments vary no more than ± 1 ft (300 mm) each.
3. Alignment
 - a. Ensure that the stripe does not deviate from the intended alignment by more than 1 in (25 mm) on tangents or curves of 1 degree or less.
 - b. Ensure that the stripe does not deviate by more than 2 in (50 mm) on curves exceeding 1 degree.

652.3.06 Quality Acceptance

Ensure that stripes and segments of stripes are clean-cut and uniform. Markings that do not appear uniform or satisfactory, either during the day or night, or do not meet Specifications, will be corrected at the Contractor's expense. Work will be subject to application rate checks for both paint and beads.

The following will be accepted:

- Sections of painted stripe, words, and symbols that have dried so that paint will not be picked up or marred by vehicle tires
- Sections placed according to the Plans and Specifications

The Contractor will be relieved of responsibility for maintenance on accepted sections.

A. Correction of Alignment

When correcting a deviation that exceeds the permissible tolerance in alignment, do the following:

1. Remove the affected portion of stripe, plus an additional 25 ft (8 m) in each direction.
2. Paint a new stripe according to these Specifications.

Remove the stripe according to [Section 656](#).

B. Removal of Excess Paint

Remove misted, dripped, or spattered paint to the Engineer's satisfaction. Do not damage the underlying pavement during removal.

Refer to the applicable portions of [Section 656](#).

652.3.07 Contractor Warranty and Maintenance

General Provisions 101 through 150.

652.4 Measurement

When traffic stripe is paid for by the square yard (meter), the number of square yards (meters) painted is measured and the space between stripes is included in the overall measurement.

Linear measurements are made on the painted surface by an electronic measuring device attached to a vehicle. On curves, chord measurements, not exceeding 100 linear feet (30 linear meters), are used.

Traffic stripe and markings, complete in place, are measured and accepted for payment as follows:

A. Solid Traffic Stripe

Solid traffic stripe is measured by the linear foot (meter), linear mile (kilometer), or square yard (meter). Breaks or omissions in solid lines or stripes at street or road intersections are not measured.

B. Skip Traffic Stripe

Skip traffic stripe is measured by the gross linear foot (meter) or gross linear mile (kilometer). Unpainted spaces between the stripes are included in the overall measurements if the Plan ratio of 1 to 3 remains uninterrupted. Measurement begins and ends on a stripe.

C. Pavement Markings

Markings are words and symbols completed according to Plan dimensions. Markings are measured by the unit.

652.4.01 Limits

General Provisions 101 through 150.

652.5 Payment

Payment will be full compensation for the work under this Section, including the following:

- Cleaning and preparing surfaces
- Furnishing materials, including paints, beads, and thinners
- Applying, curing, and protecting paints
- Protecting traffic, including providing and placing necessary warning signs
- Furnishing tools, machines, and other equipment necessary to complete the Item

Payment will be made under:

Item No. 652	Solid traffic stripe, _____ in (mm), (color)	Per linear mile (kilometer)
Item No. 652	Skip traffic stripe, _____ in (mm), (color)	Per gross linear mile (kilometer)
Item No. 652	Solid traffic stripe, _____ in (mm), (color)	Per linear mile (kilometer)
Item No. 652	Skip traffic stripe, _____ in (mm), (color)	Per gross linear foot (meter)
Item No. 652	Pavement markings, words, and symbols, (color)	Per each
Item No. 652	Traffic stripe, _____ in (mm), (color)	Per square yard (meter)

652.5.01 Adjustments

General Provisions 101 through 150.

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